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REF: (A) BRASILIA 7372, (B) MEXICO 10687 (NOTAL)
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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY REPORTING ON BRAZILIAN VIEWS ON GEPLACEA, THE ISA AND U.S. DOMESTIC SUGAR POLICY.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS SUPPLIED FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND PURPOSES ONLY.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS VISITING WITH SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS AS PART OF BRIEFING BY LONDON BASED COMMODITIES OFFICER USED OPPORTUNITY TO SOLICIT VIEWS ON SUGAR. ONE STAFF MEMBER PRESENT DURING PINHEIRO LUNCHEON STATED CLEARLY THAT ALL PARTIES PRESENT, INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN POAGUE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE CHAIRMAN FOLEY MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO AMBASSADOR THAT THERE IS PRATICALLY NO POSSIBILITY OF A NEW U.S. SUGAR ACT THIS YEAR, AND ONLY A VERY SLIGHT CHANCE NEXT YEAR. THESE COMMENTS BASED UPON THE FACT THE OLD SUGAR ACT APPROACH HAS A BAD REPUTATION IN CONGRESS, URBAN AND SUBURBAN CONGRESSMEN WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY JUSTIFYING A PRICE SUPPORT EFFORT TO THEIR CONSTITUTENTS, AND THE RECOLLECTION AMONG INDUSTRIAL USERS AND CONSUMERS THAT THEY PAID UP TO 64 CENTS PER POUND FOR SUGAR IN 1974. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT SOME HEARINGS MIGHT BE HELD AND SOME ACTION MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN LATE 1977.

4. SOME SEGMENTS OF THE U.S. SUGAR INDUSTRY ARE ALREADY PRESSING FOR ACTION IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT PRICE DECLINES.
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THESE AND OTHER INDUSTRY GROUPS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW ISA, INCLUDING WHAT THE U.S. SUGAR INDUSTRY MIGHT LIKE TO SEE IN A NEW AGREEMENT. THE INTEREST IS REINFORCED BY THE MINIMAL CHANCE OF A NEW UNILATERAL U.S. LEGISLATION AND THE LOWER PREVAILING PRICE.

5. THE U.S. HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW ISA. WE HAVE BACKED UP OUR STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPATION IN SEVERAL PREPCOMS AND PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE PREPCOMS. THIS ACTION IN ITSELF DEMONSTRATES A U.S. INTEREST IN THE WORKINGS OF THE ISA.

6. FOR BRAZIL POSTS. U.S. SUGAR TRADE SOURCES INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE CALLED A SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 MEETING TO DISCUSS A POLICY OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SUGAR MARKET FOR 6 MONTHS. THIS NEW

REPORT INDICATES THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, COLOMBIA, PERU
AND ARGENTINA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE INFORMATION
FURTHER NOTES BRAZILIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH GEPLACEA
AND MEXICAN-CUBAN DOMINANCE IN THAT GROUP. NEITHER CUBA
NOR MEXICO ARE SUPPOSEDLY INVITED TO THE SEPTEMBER
MEETING IN BRAZIL. SINCE THIS IS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT,
ANY INFORMATION BRAZIL POSTS MIGHT OBTAIN ON SUCH A
MEETING, IF HELD, WOULD BE USEFUL. ROBINSON. UNQUOTE.
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